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Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-32, and 40-42, drawn to particular switching network arrangement, classified in class 370, subclass 386.
- II. Claims 33-39, drawn to processing of address header for routing, classified in class 370, subclass 392.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The above inventions are separate, distinct, and independent. Neither requires other for its implementation, they have separate statuses in the art as shown by their different classification. Each invention, if allowable, would be capable for of supporting a separate patent. Therefore, restriction for examination purposes is proper.

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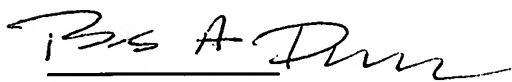
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